

*Acacia pallens* (Mimosaceae), 48428. From Johannesburg, Transvaal. Seeds collected by Mr. J. Burt-Davy. A valuable timber tree, 30 feet in height, with a very hard heavy wood, used for making clubs; the timber is exceedingly hard and is durable underground. It is considered to be one of the most valuable hardwood trees in the Transvaal, and is cut extensively for mine props for the Rand. It is characterized by the presence of prominent warts on the trunk and main branches, whence it has received the vernacular name Knopjesdoorn. (Adapted from Kew Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information, 1907, p. 361.)

*Aloe pretoriensis* (Liliaceae), 48505. From Barberton, Transvaal. Seeds presented by Mr. Geo. Thorncroft. A plant of common occurrence on many kopjes around Pretoria. It grows plentifully on the northern slopes of Mentjes Kop, and extends from here in an easterly and westerly direction on the range of hills composed of the Daasport quartzite; it is also found in the Spekboom valley near Lydenburg, at Barberton, and along the foot of the Lebombo range of mountains.

The most distinctive feature of the plant is its tall branched inflorescence, the racemes of which are densely covered with brightly colored flowers; so conspicuous are they that they form a bright scarlet patch of color in the landscape and are visible from a considerable distance. The flowers contain a quantity of nectar, and consequently attract large numbers of brilliant sunbirds. The dense rosettes of tapering leaves, usually withered at the tips, have frequently a very characteristic red hue and spring from a stoutish stem 4 to 5 inches in diameter. The stem is dark brown to black in color, extremely rough, and clothed throughout its entire length by the remains of withered leafstalks. At first sight this *Aloe* certainly resembles *A. lineata* in general habit, but on closer examination it is found that the leaves are more narrowly linear-lanceolate than is the case with *A. lineata*. (Adapted from The Gardners' Chronicle, vol. 56, 3d ser., p. 105.)

*Amygdalus persica* (Amygdalaceae), 48508. Peach. From Santa Cruz, Calif. Seeds presented by Mr. Geo. G. Streater. "Indian blood peach. A vigorous-growing tree, bearing freestone peaches. The flesh is dark blood-red, very juicy, and of very good quality;